GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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PLANTATION OF INVALUABLE TREES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to promote cultivation of invaluable plants like sandal, red sandal, poplar and neem trees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have been considered suitable for such plantations;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to inculcate interest among the people to grow these trees?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) The Government has not formulated any Centrally Sponsored Schemeexclusively for plantations of invaluable species such as sandal, red sandal, poplar and neem trees. However, in the various ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes,various species are being planted depending upon the site condition.

(c), (d) & (e) Promoting cultivation of invaluable plants like sandal, red sandal, poplar and neem trees is being carried out by various States/UTs depending upon the edapho-climatic condition required for raising the plantation of above species.

(f) The Central Government has issued guidelines in June 1990 to all the States/ UT Governments to involve local communities in protection and development of degraded forests for which entry point incentives are provided for providing drinking water, development of their common sitting place, schools and medical care as one of the component in the plantation activities . Recently Ministry has also prepared a National Forestry Action Programme to enhance the contribution offorestry and tree resources for ecological stability and people centered development through improvement in investment for the conservation and development of forestry resources. Ministry has also issued guidelines for setting up forests development agencies and management of forests on care and share basis through concept of Joint Forest Management to inculcate interest among the people to grow these trees by States Governments.